Air Resources Board Pilot Project Reduction of Air Pollution Exposure in Urban Communities in Southern California

Proposal for Local Advisory Groups October 2005

Purpose of the Proposal

In the spirit of ensuring a successful ARB pilot project for Southern California air pollution reduction, the following outlines a proposal to formalize a structure for the Local Advisory Groups (LAGs). This would allow the projects to be "community-driven," which would be consistent with the CEJAC Pilot Project Goal #1.

Composition of the LAGs

As the composition of the LAGs should reflect the "community driven" goal of the pilot projects, the following structure can help to further this goal:

The LAGs shall be comprised of 13 members, specifically made up of:

- 5 representatives from the local neighborhoods (must be local residents)
- 2 representatives from environmental health and/or justice organizations
- 2 public health professional
- 2 industry representatives
- 2 government representatives

Each member will be entitled to designate his/her alternate.

All LAG meetings should be open to the public, with adequate public notice.

Function of the LAGs

In order to have a clearly defined purpose, LAG roles and responsibilities should include, but not be limited to the following:

- Advise on the geographic boundaries of the pilot project
- Comment on the design and implementation of pilot project activities
- Make formal proposals for projects and activities to the ARB
- Work with ARB staff to set the agenda of the LAG meetings
- Evaluate the progress of pilot project milestones based on the goals established by CEJAC
- Work with ARB staff to present community progress reports
- Include public comment opportunities at all meetings